

Small Group Discussion Questions Barnwell County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Head Start
- First Steps
- 4K Combined to ensure full day services
- Work with AXIS I parenting program
- PACE Program
- One Stop Shop
- After school programs (faith based)
- Math and science coach
- Teacher mentoring program
- MAP testing program
- Staff Development
- Family literacy
- AXIS I provides counseling
- Polly Best Mental Health
- 4-H program
- DARE
- Staff Recognition
- 4-K and 3-K in all school districts in the county
- CDC
- 21st Century Learning Grant (After School)
- Aiken Barnwell Mental Health
- AP and Honors Courses
- Good county career center
- Recreational programs
- All libraries have internet access
- Induction/Mentoring Programs (teachers)
- Professional development for teachers and admin
- Job Shadowing/Corp
- Adult Education
- Certified teachers
- Technology available in schools and libraries
- Alternative schools
- Student mentoring program
- Head Start Program for fathers
- PTO/PTA
- Success by Six
- Curriculum coaching/coordinating
- Tri-County Workforce Alliance

- Good News Clubs
- Community Programs/Assemblies
- Arts Council Involvement
- Alternative sentencing (community service to serve schools)
- Family nights
- School Improvement council
- Forum/Focus Groups for parents
- Character Education
- School-to-Work Program
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- Freshman Academy
- College courses offered on sites
- DIBELS
- READ

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Taxes
- Discipline
- Transportation
- Drop out rate
- Illiterate parents
- Children entering school not ready to learn
- Teacher retention
- Technology
- Poverty level/Economic development
- Lack of full day 4 year old program for every child
- Apathy
- Adequate housing for teachers
- Time
- Lack of community amenities
 - Hotels
 - Movie Thaters
 - Recreational facilities
- Lack of resources/funding
- Facilities
- Parental involvement
- Lack of understanding
- Environmental problems
- Rapport between parent and teacher
- Community involvement
- Lack of industry
- 3 school districts in a small county
- Racial issues

- Not enough adult education services
- Quality childcare/daycare
- Retention of educated students

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Stress the value of education
- Commit resources (time and money) to education
- Promote/market the schools
- STAY Involved
- Increase awareness of issues affecting education
- Community coordination
- Districts Collaborating
- Access resources
- Look at practices that are working in other districts
- Think out side the box
- Use existing funding more efficiently
- Recruit more adult education participants
- Better communication and interaction between schools and communities
- Promote county unity/pride
- Schools need to help in industry recruitment
- Collaboration between business and education entities
- Community development
- Improved communication
- Develop leaders
 - Jr. Leadership
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Rewarding good teachers

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Parents respect teachers